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## PLAYERS CAPTURE SECOND HONORS IN DRAMATIC CONTEST

Franklin and Marshall secured First Place in Tourney At Gettysburg

## ASSOCIATION RE-ELECTS CLOETINGH AND MASON

Director Selects Capable Cast To Appear in Mothers' Day Offering

Failing to win first honors, the Penn State Players placed second to Franklin and Marshall at the fourth annual State intercollegiate dramatic contest held at Gettysburg college Friday and Saturday.

The Players with their presentation of the one-act comedy "Wurzel-Flummery" by A. A. Milne won second place and the tournament loving cup Prof. Arthur C. Cloetingh, director of the organization, coached the Players' offering.

First place went to the Green Room club of Franklin and Marshall college for their production "When the Ship Goes Down." They were awarded a silver urn and now hold one over the Samuel French award, which will become the permanent possession of the club winning it three times.

Re-elected Penn State Men Honorable mention was made of the Cap and Dagger club of Bucknell university for their offering "The House with the Twisted Windows." The Crimson Masque club of Grove City college was also mentioned for their production "Hero Worship."

Edgar F. Sudd '29, cast in the Players' comedy, received favorable mention from the judges for his capable acting. Other actors to be so honored were Russell Erloh, Franklin and Marshall; Joseph V. Hunt, St. Joseph's college; Lee Myers, Juniata college; Mildred Shipman, Bucknell university; and Carroll Weaver, Grove City college.

At the regular business session of the association held during the tournament Director Cloetingh was re-elected president of the organization. Prof. David D. Mason of the romance language department was also re-elected secretary-treasurer.

## Six Colleges Compete

While the decision of the judges was being prepared, the Owl and Nightingale club of Gettysburg college presented a playlet, "The Road Up Hemlock," by Dayton Kohler. This play was written by Mr. Kohler last year while a senior at Gettysburg.

The board of judges consisted of the coaches and directors of the dramatic clubs at the various institutions entered in the contest. Prof. Richard A. Arms of the host club and a Harrisburg dramatic critic were also listed on the board.

Bucknell university, Juniata college, St. Joseph's college, Franklin and Marshall college, and Penn State were the six institutions participating in the competition. The Gettysburg club did not enter the contest, while Waynesburg and Drexel dropped out at the last moment.

## Reviewer Praises Winner

Edgar F. Sudd '29, Miss Merna V. Kloss '29, Miss Olive E. Osterhout '30, Anton Haidt '31, Milton C. Young '30, and Thomas Bartman '29, appeared in "Wurzel-Flummery." Bartman also acted as stage manager for the Penn State dramatic organization.

In speaking of the winning play, "When the Ship Goes Down," the writer in the Gettysburg Times said: "It was an elemental play, stark, realistic, unvarnished and even savage. The Green Roomers gave an all-around presentation of a difficult play, and staged it in true little theatre style."

According to many observers, the margin of selection between the plays was small. The Cap and Dagger club of St. Joseph's college was mentioned by the reviewer for their staging of "The Drums of Oude," while the Juniata college Masquers were quoted as presenting a morbid playlet entitled "Mansions."

## ORGANIZATION WILL PRESENT 'TAKE MY ADVICE' ON MAY 11

After numerous try-outs Director Arthur C. Cloetingh has selected the cast for "Take My Advice," the Mothers' Day show to be presented by the Penn State Players in Schwab auditorium May 11.

Milton C. Young '30, has been chosen to play the part of Prof. Bradley Clements, the leading character in the show. Young has appeared in numerous Players' shows taking the leads in "The Show Off" and "Mention of the Movies," as well as being cast in

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## TRESTRELLA CLUB WINS CUP FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Trestrella Club, with an average of 1.96, won the scholarship cup presented by the Campus Club council at Scholarship Day exercises Thursday.

The cup for which the clubs are now competing has been won by the Sycors one semester and by Theta Phi Alpha two semesters. Alpha Omicron Pi and Chi Omega placed second and third respectively in scholastic rating for last semester's cup.

## CO-EDS OBSERVE MAY DAY MAY 11

Miss Anne Fernster To Receive Crown as Queen During Annual Exercises

Spirit of the Old English Spring Fete will be reflected in the observance of May Day by the women students on May 11.

The program will begin at 7 o'clock in the morning with a breakfast on Holmes' Field, where the girls will cook for their mothers over an open fire. In addition to serving their mothers, the freshmen and sophomore mothers will wait upon their big sisters.

At 6:30 o'clock in the night Miss Anne H. Fernster '29, will be crowned Queen of May. She will be attended by Miss Muriel E. Bowman '32, elected by the freshmen girls, as well as other class attendants to be selected by the committee in charge.

Fancy dances on the green will follow as entertainment for the queen. A play, "The Weal of Weyland's Well," by Buelah M. Bix, will be presented in the open air theater under direction of Miss Janette M. Burns '30.

## WOMEN DEBATERS DEFEAT HOOD TRIO

Affirmative Side Wins Contest Here On Jury Issue as Negative Group Loses Away

Upholding the affirmative side of the question "Resolved That the criminal jury system of the United States should be abolished," the women's debating team defeated Hood College Saturday night in Schwab auditorium, while the Penn State negative group was losing at Hood.

Prof. W. M. Parrish of the University of Pittsburgh, critic judge of the debate here, based his decision on the failure of the visiting team to call attention to several noticeable weaknesses in the argument of the affirmative side.

In the home debate Miss Elizabeth Garber, Miss Helen Sorens, and Miss Romaine Schaeffer represented Hood college, while Miss Helen S. Keopas '30, Miss Charlotte R. Hetrick '30, and Miss Elizabeth E. '30 upheld the Penn State side. The negative team, debating away, was composed of Miss Janette Burn '30, Miss Retta Bostwick '29, and Miss Margaret Lorch '32.

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Mr. Confer, the only man who penetrates McAllister Hall beyond the lobby, is fat, short, and stubby, and never seen without his cud of tobacco. He is far from looking the part of the dashing hero who is constantly in demand, and who good-naturedly performs little favors for the girls all day long. In his spare time "Cy" rests on his mop, and snapping his ever-visible suspenders with his thumb, imparts choice bits of gossip to the co-eds.

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## NORMAN THOMAS TO GIVE ADDRESS HERE ON MAY 15

Former Socialist Candidate for Presidency Will Speak at Open Gathering

## HEADS LEAGUE FAVORING INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY

Student Plans Group Advancing Liberal Thought Among Undergraduates

Mr. Norman Thomas, socialistic candidate for president at the last election, has been secured by a committee representing three College honorary fraternities to address an open student meeting on "Why I Am a Socialist" in Old Chapel May 15.

Donald W. Lee '31 is correspondent for the committee in charge. Prof. Sheldon C. Tanner, president of Pi Gamma Mu, social science fraternity, James T. Wolfe '30, head of Delta Sigma Pi, commerce fraternity, and John G. Reed '29, president of Lambda Sigma, pre-legal fraternity, are the other members of the group. Dr. Carl W. Hasek is advisor of the committee.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Princeton university and spent some time at Bucknell before going to the New Jersey institution. At present he is chairman of the League for Industrial Democracy, a national organization of liberal thought and is located at their headquarters in New York City.

Plan To Organize Society Lee, who instigated the idea of having the socialist leader speak here, is interested in the League for Industrial Democracy and in similar societies which have been organized at many colleges. He believes that a similar group here would promote independent thinking among students.

Plans for the fraternity here would make the organization open to all students who have any thoughts to contribute, with possibly scholastic standing as an eligibility requirement. Mr. Thomas contributed articles to many radical magazines before he became a candidate for president. A number of volumes on his ideas of the present social system and its relation to socialism have been published. The Industrialists leader has also made a series of speeches in metropolitan centers throughout the country.

## DR. KAMMERER TALKS IN CHAPEL ON EXPERIENCES

"Cling to your own experiences as the convincing evidence of truth," the Rev. Percy G. Kammerer, Dean of Timothy Cathedral in Pittsburgh, told the chapel audience in Schwab auditorium Sunday.

"The complexity of life has increased to such an extent during the present generation that inductive thinking must take the place of blind trust in old beliefs. New generalizations based on facts must be built up to solve modern problems."

Dr. Kammerer warned his audience against asceticism and "pig-tough philosophy." He stated that religion should help us lead a more complete and healthful life and should be a means to an end, not an end in itself.

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## Old Track House Approaches End Of Long Career

When work is begun on the new chemistry unit, the "old track house," first real home of Penn State athletes and former center of college sports activities, will receive the same fate as the ghost walk.

Pop Golden, Penn State's only coach back in 1903, used his influence to bring about the erection of this building. It was built in 1903-04 with college funds and was situated off the west end of the running track which was part of the original Beaver Field.

Shorty Miller, Dev Very, Larry Conover, Charles Way, Dutch Heilmann, Bob Higgins, Neil Fleming and Joe Lightner and a few of the men who lived in the "old track house." Boys had the usual scraps among themselves but were clamorous so far as outsiders were concerned. Means of entertainment were negligible but the boys had their "pick-up" orchestras and countless quartets.

Wrestling matches on a co-operative basis were a favorite means of profit. A visitor was invited to one of the rooms, and soon the wrangle started. This led to a scuffle during which one roommate pummelled the victim, rolling him around, while the other carefully picked up any coins that might fall from his pockets.

The "wheat-raising" episode is one of the favorite stories of the old structure. When the players came in after football practice, they removed the mud from their cleats by knocking their toes against the radiator.

Piles of dirt accumulated in time and one spring day two of the boys discovered that they had a small wheat field in their room. Three stalks of wheat rose above the radiator.

## CLASS CANDIDATES ANNOUNCE POLICIES

Nominees Seeking Executive Positions Submit Platforms To Elections Group

Candidates for class offices Sunday submitted to the Elections committee the platforms upon which they expect to gain the approval of student voters May 9 and 10.

No candidate, according to the committee rulings, may employ, in his campaign speeches or literature, any plank not mentioned in his original platform or any plank already proposed by another candidate. If any candidate wishes to introduce new planks into his platform, he must first consult the committee, Chairman Edward Lyon '29 stated.

Using the platforms herein printed as the basis for their talks, the aspirants to the class presidencies will make their introductory speeches at a mass meeting to be held next Wednesday.

Arranged according to class and in alphabetical order, the platforms submitted are:

## INVESTMENT BANKER IS INDEPENDENT OF P. R. R.

Mr. Wm Marriott Canby of Philadelphia, investment banker and a member of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, pointed out in a letter to the COLLEGIAN yesterday that both personally and in connection with his business he is entirely independent of the Pennsylvania Railroad company. This was in reply to a recent statement in the COLLEGIAN that the firm was under the direct supervision of the Pennsylvania Railroad company.

Mr. Canby also stated that it was the Bellefonte Central Railroad company, and not the Pennsylvania Railroad company nor any of its officials, that requested his firm to raise funds by underwriting a bond issue to finance the purchase and cost of construction of the proposed Bellefonte Central Railroad link between State College and Tyrone. In order to stimulate interest locally in the property, Mr. Canby expects a large subscription to the bonds in and around State College and Bellefonte.

## PROF. LUCRETIA SIMMONS WILL TRAVEL IN GERMANY

Prof. Lucretia V. T. Simmons, head of the department of German, has been selected as one of a party of twenty-five German teachers in the United States to make an educational tour of Germany during June and July.

The tour is organized by the International Institute of Columbia university and the Central Institute for Education, in Berlin. The group will study methods and results in all types of German institutions.

## NEW YORK GROUP PREPARES EXHIBIT FOR COLLEGE USE

Carnegie Corporation Will Send Collection to Penn State As Art Student Aid

## GIFT CONTAINS VALUABLE SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Prints and Textiles Constitute Remaining Parts—Critics Make Selections

As an aid to the study of architecture and art appreciation at Penn State, the Carnegie corporation of New York is preparing a collection of photographs, prints, and textiles valued at \$5,000. Donor Robert L. Sackett announced yesterday.

A set of 1800 photographs of the greatest works in architecture, sculpture, and painting comprise the first part of the collection. A considerable period of time and a large amount of money was consumed by the corporation in the preparation of this group. The photographs are designed to help students in the study of ancient and modern art.

The second part of the exhibit is a group of fifty original prints showing the various processes in the making of prints. The works of different periods and of the most noted men are included in this group.

Art Judges Make Selection Designed to illustrate color, design, period, and technique, the third unit of the collection is composed of thirty-five to twelve dating from antiquity to modern times. Egyptian, African, Indian, Chinese, and South and Central American designs and photographs are included in the selection.

Another important part of the exhibit is a collection of 370 rare books concerning the world's best architecture. The volumes were gathered largely from rare editions of which only a few copies remain. The selection was obtained from book dealers in all parts of the world.

Several months will be required to complete the collection of materials. The committee who is making up the exhibit is composed of prominent art judges and critics. Parts of the various groups were collected by the committee in Europe.

Arrangements by which the College may receive the equipment has been approved by Mr. Frederick P. Keppel, president of the Carnegie corporation. The collection must be kept in a suitable room and used as a center of art activities in the college. Special space has been provided in the new engineering unit within which to keep the exhibit. According to the statements of experts, many times the actual value of the group was required to collect it.

## DR. PIKE WILL PRESENT FOURTH TALK TOMORROW

Dr. Horace V. Pike, clinical psychiatrist at the Danville State hospital, will deliver the fourth lecture of his fifth annual series here when he discusses "Emotions as Factors in Mental and Physical Disease" in Old Chapel at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

The final lecture will be offered at the hospital in Danville, Saturday, May 11. The group making the trip will leave here at 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

## DELTA PI BECOMES NEW CHAPTER OF DELTA CHI

Delta Pi, local social fraternity, has been accepted as a member into Delta Chi, national organization, officials of the group announced yesterday.

The national group is at present composed of thirty-five chapters. Other chapters of Delta Chi in Pennsylvania are at the University of Pennsylvania and Dickinson college. Installation of the local body will take place May 31 and June 1 and 2.

## THESPIANS ERECT OPERETTA SETTING

Construct Deck of Sailing Ship For 'Pinafore' Offering Saturday Night

The quarter-deck of a three-masted sailing vessel with white-capped waves and blue sails forming the background typifies the scenery for "H. M. S. Pinafore" to be presented by the Thespians and combined musical organizations Saturday night.

Visible on the set, especially arranged by William J. Nagle '29, are two sails, one on either end of the stage and a poop deck with steps leading down to the main body of the ship. As there are forty-nine characters in the operetta the setting will be one of the largest ever constructed on the Auditorium stage.

Paul J. Sturgeon '29, head of the cast of the nautical operetta as the pompous Right Honorable Sir Joseph Porter K C B, while John Von Neida '29, characterizes the commander of H. M. S. Pinafore. Miss Edna Rodenick '31, cast as the commander's daughter, is the heroine of the production.

Thirty Voices Comprise Cast Thirty picked voices including the First Lord's sisters, his cousins, his aunts, sailors and miscellaneous characters comprise the supporting chorus. Ralph Rackett '29, the hero role, is portrayed by James A. Waterfield '29, and the part of Daudede Dieh, comedian and villain, is taken by Robert H. Tee '30.

Sarah Wentzel '31, also imparts humor to the musical show in the part of Little Buttercup, who causes the complications in the performance. Grace Dietrick '31, the First Lord's first cousin, and John G. Anderson '31, boatswain, aid in the development of the plot.

Director of Music Richard W. Grant has combined a special group of musicians into the Penn State Little Symphony orchestra, which will provide the accompaniment and instrumental numbers for the show. Maurice Darr, Broadway theatrical producer, and Prof. Grant, conductor, have expressed their satisfaction over the progress being made on the production. Mr. Darr states that the early embarrassment evoked by the principles when they spoke before the chorus has been overcome.

He declares in this connection, "It is queer but the girls were the first to feel at ease in their roles. They were extremely shy but now they perform like professionals. On the other hand, it took me considerably longer to become acclimated to the presence of the chorus. They all know their parts well, however, and the play is working up in great shape. I might be one of the best ever produced by the Thespians and I am sure the cast is imbued with the same spirit."

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## Yearlings Outshine Barnum in Parade Of Freaks While Poverty Day Reigns

A wealth of the-pan material and richness in diversity of costumes combined to make the annual Poverty Day demonstration Saturday a colorful conglomeration of aboriginals, modernists, mendicants and kings. Prizes, consisting of cigarettes, movie tickets, stationery, cigar lighters, hosey, meal tickets, cameras, ties and other articles, were awarded by local merchants for the best impersonation, the most original costume, the finest outfit, the best impersonation of a girl and the best float.

Fiji Islanders led a latticed cart bearing their king before the judges to annex first prize for the best float. Another monarch, labeled the "Thinker" and a "King for a Day," was expected to the humility of being ignored by the judges. So he continued his thinking while the cannibals carried off a carton of cigarettes and several theatre tickets.

Two Indians, flaunting whoopee and red paint, won the best impersonation award. They brandished tomahawks and quarts of fire-water. Speaking of fire-water, the "Sanitary Engineers on an Inspection Tour" had some too, but they handled it carefully. While

## NITTANY SPEAKER TO COMPETE FOR HONORS SATURDAY

A. Gares Will Represent College In Semi-Final Contest at Lehigh University

## SELECTS 'CHALLENGE OF CONSTITUTION' AS TOPIC

California Federation Chooses Penn State as Host for Final Region Meet

Speaking on "A Challenge of the Constitution," Albert J. Gares '29 will represent Penn State in the semi-final of the National Oratorical contest at Lehigh university Saturday.

This contest, conducted by the Better America Federation of California, to increase interest in the Constitution, is the fifth intercollegiate contest of this kind. It is the first to be conducted on a national scale.

The United States is divided into seven regions, each of which is to be subdivided in order that not more than eight colleges or universities will be included in any one district. The semi-final will be held at one central point in each section with the entire regional semi-final being conducted at Lehigh university.

Select Penn State for Final. Penn State has been selected as the scene of the finals for this region. Each regional winner will travel to Los Angeles to compete in the final meeting June 20. All final contestants will receive one of the seven prizes which total \$5,000.

Undergraduates of any college or university in the United States are eligible to enter this contest. Speeches must not exceed ten minutes in length and they will be judged as to whether they stimulate interest and respect for the Constitution and on the oral composition and delivery.

As the contest is conducted by the Better America Federation of California, the judges will be selected by that organization. During the regional contests, the judges will consult one another and vote on the merits of the various speeches.

At the final in Los Angeles the ballot form will be used. The order in which the speeches are to be given will be decided by special drawings. Mr. Gares has had experience in this type of contest since he represented Penn State in the competition last year. He has also been a variety debater for the past two years and this year has spoken against Oxford, Syracuse, Temple and Lincoln universities.

## BRACKEN TO GIVE NEXT L. A. LECTURE

Landscape Architecture Professor Will Talk on "Hunting Gardens Through Europe" Tonight

"Hunting Gardens Through Europe" will be the title of the Liberal Arts lecture to be delivered by Prof. John R. Bracken of the landscape architecture department in Old Chapel at 7:15 o'clock tonight.

The lecture will be illustrated with slides gathered by Prof. Bracken during his trips through Europe. Prof. Harold F. Graves, of the English department and chairman of the lecture committee, will introduce the speaker. Prof. Bracken was recently honored by membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. He will conduct a tour of graduate and undergraduate students through Europe this coming summer.

Graduated From Penn State In his lecture the professor will deal especially with the various beauty spots and gardens in Italy. He will tell about the wonderful scenery in southern France, as well as the progress that has been made in rebuilding Europe since the World War.

Fascinating plants found by the speaker will also be discussed by him. He will point out the typical plants of certain sections and show pictures of these various forms. He will draw particular attention to the typical vegetation in southern Europe.

Interesting spots with a little mention about each will be portrayed by the speaker. He will tell about some of the excellent examples of landscape gardening discovered throughout Europe.

Prof. Bracken is a Penn State graduate and previous to coming here was associated with Thompson W. Sears, landscape gardener in Philadelphia. He has been connected with the College for about five years.